Non-availability of DTC buses as per requirements

3253. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of buses in DTC is not adequate to meet the present requirements of the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that substantial number of buses were not purchased by DTC during the last two years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to fully meet the requirements of the Capital;

(d) whether it is a fact that bus services from Vasant Vihar have deteriorated considerably in the recent past;

(e) whether Government are aware that the routes available from Vasant Vihar need rationalisation for efficient and viable services and whether many representation have also been received by DTC in this regard; and

(f) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) In order that the growing traffic demand in the capital city of Delhi are adequately met, the services of DTC buses are supplemented by private operators' buses. As for augmentation of bus fleet of DTC, the programme of acquisition of buses is a continuing process. DTC has purchased 408 buses in 1986-87. 475 buses in 1987-88 and orders have been placed for 300 buses in 1988-89.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Some suggestions for improvement of services from Vasant Vihar have been received. Route Nos. 602 and 641 have been made to operate from CPDW Colony to cover more areas of Vasant Vihar residential complex. Route Nos. 602, 603, 623, 640; 641, 660, 062, 336 are serving the commuters of Vasant Vihar adequately, as the operational efficiency in almost all cases is about 90 per cent.

Transfer of expertise and technology to Mauritius

3254. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mauritius has sought *from India expertise* in agro and dairy industries; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to transplant dairy and vegetable oil models which have benefited only the aid givers in the developed countries without any improvement in productivity and self reliance; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that only such expertise and technology are transferred which are beyond any shadow of doubt totally indigenous and self-reliance like sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The specific projects in the agro snd dairy industries for which India has agreed to render assistance are strengthening of the Extension Services, assistance to the Irrigation Authority, establishment of a Farmers' Service Centre, Tea Industry Efficiency Study, Study on Sugarcane By-products, Studies in Milk, Food Processing and Cooperative Sectors and supply of equipment for Coconut Coir Processing.

(b) and (c) Indian assistance is given under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme. As a matter of policy, the experts nominated under this prog-

ramme are Indian nationals and machinery and equipment supplied is of Indian origin. These incorporate the knowledge, expertise and methodology developed in India. The possibility of transplanting models benefiting developed countries, therefore, does not arise.

Vendors and stalls holders at Railway platforms

3255. DR. MOHD. HASIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed vendors and stall holders at railway platforms and railway stations, zone-wise at present;

(b) the corresponding figures of licensed vendors and stall holders at railway platforms and railway stations, zone-wise at the end of 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) the total earnings of Railways on account of license fees of these vendors and stall holders, zone-wise during 1986-87 and 1987-88 and current financial year; and

(d) the number of vendors and stall holders whose licences have been cancelled during these years, zone-wise, on account of various complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Publication of Railway Time Tables

3256. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of copies of zonal Railway Time Tables published in English, Hindi and Urdu during 1986-87, 1987-88 and for the current financial year;

(b) total number of copies of Railway Time Tables sold during these years, language-wise and zone-wise; and

(c) total earning of Railways through advertisements published in the Time Tables and sale of Time Tables during these years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment of an Anti-Hijacking Committee

3257. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed an Anti-Hijacking Committee;

(b) what are the terms of reference of the committee;

(c) the number of times when the committee has met so far; and

(d) whether the committee has made any recommendations; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Government have not appointed an Anti-Hijacking Committee. However, a Group has been constituted to deal with crises relating to hijacking etc. This Group meets only at the time of a crisis and is not meant for making any detailed recommendations.

Rail link to the states in the country

3258. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States in the country which have not yet been provided Rail link;